

MEMORANDUM

September 30, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: "Energy Awareness Month" press conference

CC: Richard

The main focus of this press conference is your proclamation of October 2002 as "Energy Awareness Month" in Mississippi (see attached copy of proclamation). It will take place at Walton Elementary School, which has had an "Energy Patrol Program" in place for 10 years now.

This program teaches students about energy conservation and encourages them to find ways to conserve energy in the school, their homes and their communities. The program was driven by Principal Wilbur Walters, and has gained the attention of the U.S. Department of Energy.

A framed copy of your proclamation will be at the press conference, and you will present it to Bob Rohrlack near the end of your remarks. Following that, you will introduce Jim Powell, director of the Atlanta regional office of the Department of Energy. He will speak, then present you with a symbolic check for more than \$2 million for funding energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the state for the period of 4/1/02 through the end of 2002. The check represents DoE funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program, the State Energy Program, and other energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.